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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE QUESTIONS OF A SUNDAY-SCHOOL CATECHISM.

VIII. THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

1. What is the kingdom of God?
2. When and by whom was it founded?
3. What are the conditions of entering it?
4. What are its laws?
5. Who are its members?
6. How is it established in the individual?
7. By what means is it extended?
8. How is it established in human society?
9. How is it related to organized human governments?
10. When will it be perfected on earth?

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1. In what ways did Jesus use the term "kingdom of God"?
2. What did Jesus mean by a present kingdom of God on earth?
3. How did the Jews of Jesus' day use the term "kingdom of God"?
4. What Old Testament thought of the kingdom of God did Jesus fulfil?
5. Did Jesus organize the members of his kingdom?
6. How did the "church" of the apostles differ from the kingdom of God?
7. What is the basis of the kingdom of God?
8. What is the place of Jesus in the kingdom of God?
9. What is the ideal of the kingdom of God for the individual?
10. What is the ideal of the kingdom of God for society?

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1. What are the chief characteristics of the kingdom of God, as described in the New Testament?
2. When did it begin?
3. How is it proper for us still to pray, as in the Lord's Prayer, "The kingdom come"?
4. What are the conditions of entrance into the kingdom of God?
5. What are the laws of the kingdom of God?
6. What responsibilities rest upon the members of the kingdom?
7. In what relation does a subject of the kingdom stand to the King?
8. What relations do different churches and denominations and races sustain to the kingdom and to each other as members of the kingdom?

9. What is to be the extent of the kingdom ?
10. What are the means of extending the kingdom ?

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1. Give a history of the origin and development of the conception of the kingdom of God as found in the Old Testament.
2. What were the views of the Jews of Jesus' day as to the kingdom of God ?
3. What was Jesus' conception of the kingdom of God, and wherein did it differ from the Old Testament conception and from current conceptions ?
4. Why did Jesus adopt this conception of a kingdom and adhere to it instead of some other conception, say, the republic of God ?
5. What, according to Jesus, constitutes membership in the kingdom of God ?
6. What, according to Jesus, are the conditions of entrance ? Define each.
7. Give a true and comprehensive definition of the kingdom of God as conceived and expounded by Jesus.
8. What, in your opinion, is the significance of the fact that the petition for the coming of the kingdom of God has precedence of all other petitions in the prayer that God's children are daily to pray ?
9. To what extent has the kingdom of God "come" in the world today, and what prospect is there that it will spread over the world and include the mass of humanity in its pale ?
10. Are you a member of the kingdom of God, as you have thus explained it ? If not, why are you not ? If you are, what are you doing to bring your fellow-men into that kingdom, and so to answer the prayer which you habitually offer to God ?

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A. THE OLD TESTAMENT.

1. What was the primitive Hebrew idea of "the kingdom ;" or, who were its subjects ?
2. What was the resulting Godward doctrine ; or, what was the citizen's duty to his king ?
3. What was the manward aspect of the teaching ; or, who was the Hebrew's neighbor.
4. Consequently, what was the citizen's relation to the world at large ; or, what was Israel's function as a nation ?
5. What was the later Hebrew conception of the kingdom's extent and duties ?
6. Was this ever realized in Hebrew thought, life, and practice ; or, was Jesus' teaching a necessity ?

B. THE NEW TESTAMENT.

7. What was Christ's teaching of the extent of the kingdom?
8. What was his teaching of the character and citizenship of the kingdom?
9. Is "the church" the same as "the kingdom"?
10. What is Christ's own relation to the kingdom (*a*) according to himself;
(*b*) according to Paul?

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"ANCILLA DOMINI" (THE ANNUNCIATION).—DANTE GABRIEL ROSSETTI